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Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Note by the Director-General

Summary

Provides information on the following two non-governmental organizations applying for consultative status with UNIDO: Austrian Society for Environment and Technology (ÖGUT) and International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization (IMSCO).

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and paragraph 17 of the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with inter-governmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex), information on two non-governmental organizations (NGOs) seeking consultative status with UNIDO is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on each NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the applications of, and information on, the two NGOs annexed to the present document and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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AUSTRIAN SOCIETY FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY (ÖGUT)

Historical background

Established in 1986 in Vienna, Austria, with the objective of providing an independent platform for the exchange of ideas and opinions on environmental matters and to be a proactive mediator for conflictual environmental issues.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

Steering Committee
Secretary-General
Administration

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Encouraging the dissemination of information related to environmental issues;

(b) Promoting the application of principles and methods of environmental management in Austria and in Central and Eastern Europe and providing technical advice to companies;

(c) Promoting the transfer of cleaner production technologies and techniques as well as industrial investment opportunities, partnerships and joint ventures between companies in Austria and in Central and Eastern Europe;

(d) Organizing conferences, seminars, symposiums and workshops with a view to exchanging experience and knowledge on environmental issues;

(e) Carrying out research and studies.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Cooperation with the World Health Organization in the implementation of national environmental health action plans. Observer status with the Danube Programme Coordination Unit and the Black Sea Environmental Programme. Regular contacts with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Union and the World Bank.

Relations with NGOs

Cooperation with the Austrian Society for Nature and Environment Protection, Global 2000, the Regional Environmental Centre, the World Wildlife Fund and contacts with numerous Austrian environmental NGOs.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Not applicable.

Membership

Austrian authorities, environmental groups, chambers of commerce and industry, professional associations, research institutes, financing institutions, small- and medium-sized enterprises, etc.

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INTERNATIONAL MULTIRACIAL SHARED CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (IMSCO)

Historical background

Established in 1979 in New York to encourage and channel non-discriminatory economic co-development among the global African community and its allies.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Assembly
Board of Directors
Executive Committee

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Fostering the implementation of the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization through the development and management of projects and business structures, the promotion of flows of information, technology and investment, the exchange of experience and expertise as well as the provision of technical advice to companies;

(b) Organizing and sponsoring conferences, seminars, workshops and other educational events on the development and management of the world's natural and human resources;

(c) Lobbying for grants, loans and contracts in order to enable local communities to manage their resources.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Consultative status Category II with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Contacts with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the Organization for African Unity.

Relations with NGOs

Cooperation with the United Nations Committee on Southern Africa as well as relations with numerous African and African-American NGOs.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Organizations, companies and individuals in 28 countries on all five continents.

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